

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 16 and 40, amend claim 15, and add new claims 41 and 42, as follows:

Claims 1-14 (Cancelled).

Claim 15 (Currently Amended) A weather-resistant synthetic wood comprising a foamed core body material and a weather-resistant outer layer material covering a surface of and integrally bonded by coextrusion molding to said foamed core body material, wherein said weather-resistant outer layer material is unfoamed or foamed at an expansion rate lower than that of said foamed core body material,

wherein said foamed core body material is a mixture comprising: 100 wt. % of a primary component comprising either a polystyrene resin and an optional high-impact polystyrene resin, or a polypropylene resin; and 5-50 wt. % of a secondary component comprising one or more of an acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene copolymer, an acrylonitrile-acrylic-styrene copolymer, and an acrylonitrile-ethylene-propylene-styrene copolymer, based on 100 wt. % of said primary component of said foamed core body material, ~~and~~

wherein said weather-resistant outer layer material is a mixture comprising: 100 wt. % of a primary component comprising one or both of an acrylonitrile-acrylic-styrene copolymer, and an acrylonitrile-ethylene-propylene-styrene copolymer; and 5-80 wt. % of a secondary component comprising one or more of a polystyrene resin, a high-impact polystyrene resin, and a polypropylene resin, based on 100 wt. % of said primary component of said weather-resistant outer layer material, and

wherein said primary component of said foamed core body material comprises a mixture of a polystyrene resin and a high-impact polystyrene resin, and said secondary component of said

weather-resistant outer layer material comprises a mixture of a polystyrene resin and a high-impact polystyrene resin, or

wherein said primary component of said foamed core body material comprises a polypropylene resin, and said secondary component of said weather-resistant outer layer material comprises a polypropylene resin.

Claim 16 (Cancelled).

Claim 17 (Previously Presented) The weather-resistant synthetic wood according to claim 15, wherein said primary component of said foamed core body material comprises a mixture of a polystyrene resin and a high-impact polystyrene resin, and said secondary component of said weather-resistant outer layer material comprises a mixture of a polystyrene resin and a high-impact polystyrene resin.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented) The weather-resistant synthetic wood according to claim 17, wherein a mixing ratio of said polystyrene resin to said high-impact polystyrene resin in said primary component of said foamed core body material is 70:30, and a mixing ratio of said polystyrene resin to said high-impact polystyrene resin in said secondary component of said weather-resistant outer layer material is 75:25.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented) The weather-resistant synthetic wood according to claim 15, wherein said primary component of said foamed core body material comprises a polypropylene resin, and said secondary component of said weather-resistant outer layer material comprises a polypropylene resin.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented) The weather-resistant synthetic wood according to claim 15, wherein said weather-resistant outer layer material has a foaming magnification of 1.0 to 2.0 times.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented) The weather-resistant synthetic wood according to claim 15, wherein said weather-resistant outer layer material has a foaming magnification of about 1.1 to about 1.2 times.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented) The weather-resistant synthetic wood according to claim 15, wherein said weather-resistant outer layer material further comprises 5-60 wt. % of a wood flour, based on 100 wt. % of said primary component of said weather-resistant outer layer material.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented) The weather-resistant synthetic wood according to claim 15, wherein said weather-resistant outer layer material further comprises: 0.5-10.0 wt. % of a wood color pigment, based on 100 wt. % of said primary component of said weather-resistant outer layer material; and 0-3.0 wt. % of an optional blowing agent, based on 100 wt. % of said primary component of said weather-resistant outer layer material.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented) The weather-resistant synthetic wood according to claim 15, wherein said weather-resistant outer layer material has a thickness of 0.05 mm to 0.7 mm.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented) The weather-resistant synthetic wood according to claim 15, wherein said weather-resistant outer layer material has a density of 1.16 to 0.62.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented) The weather-resistant synthetic wood according to claim 15, wherein said foamed core body material has a foaming magnification of 1.2 to 3.0 times.

Claim 27 (Previously Presented) The weather-resistant synthetic wood according to claim 15, wherein said foamed core body material further comprises 5-400 wt. % of a wood flour, based on 100 wt. % of said primary component of said foamed core body material.

Claim 28 (Previously Presented) The weather-resistant synthetic wood according to claim 15, wherein said foamed core body material further comprises 80-200 wt. % of a wood flour, based on 100 wt. % of said primary component of said foamed core body material.

Claim 29 (Previously Presented) The weather-resistant synthetic wood according to claim 15, wherein said foamed core body material further comprises 5-60 wt. % of a wood flour, based on 100 wt. % of said primary component of said foamed core body material.

Claim 30 (Previously Presented) The weather-resistant synthetic wood according to claim 15, wherein said foamed core body material further comprises 0.1-5.0 wt. % of a wood color pigment, based on 100 wt. % of said primary component of said foamed core body material.

Claim 31 (Previously Presented) The weather-resistant synthetic wood according to claim 15, wherein said foamed core body material further comprises 0.5-6.0 wt. % of a blowing agent, based on 100 wt. % of said primary component of said foamed core body material.

Claim 32 (Previously Presented) The weather-resistant synthetic wood according to claim 15, wherein said foamed core body material has a density of 0.99 to 0.36.

Claim 33 (Previously Presented) The weather-resistant synthetic wood according to claim 15, wherein said foamed core body material further comprises a reinforcement material embedded therein in a longitudinal direction thereof.

Claim 34 (Previously Presented) The weather-resistant synthetic wood according to claim 33, wherein said reinforcement material is longitudinally embedded in said foamed core body at substantially diametrically opposed positions over a height and a width of a transverse cross section thereof.

Claim 35 (Previously Presented) The weather-resistant synthetic wood according to claim 33, wherein said reinforcement material is fiberglass wires.

Claim 36 (Previously Presented) The weather-resistant synthetic wood according to claim 35, wherein said fiberglass wires are impregnated and integrated with a polystyrene resin.

Claim 37 (Previously Presented) The weather-resistant synthetic wood according to claim 33, wherein said reinforcement material is a metal.

Claim 38 (Previously Presented) The weather-resistant synthetic wood according to claim 37, wherein said metal is aluminum.

Claim 39 (Previously Presented) The weather-resistant synthetic wood according to claim 37, wherein said metal is iron.

Claim 40 (Cancelled).

Claim 41 (New) The weather-resistant synthetic wood according to claim 17, wherein one or both of said polystyrene resin and said high-impact polystyrene resin of said primary component of said foamed core body material and/or said secondary component of said weather-resistant outer layer material is selected from a recycled material or a mixture of a recycled material and a virgin material.

Claim 42 (New) The weather-resistant synthetic wood according to claim 15, wherein said polypropylene resin of said primary component of said foamed core body material and/or said secondary component of said weather-resistant outer layer material is selected from a recycled material or a mixture of a recycled material and a virgin material.